

(b) the number of roads in Bareilly cantonment area banned for public transport during the last three years; and

(c) the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) There is no policy to ban the Roads in Cantonment area for public transport. Closure/opening of streets/roads in the Cantonment area is governed under Section 192 of the Cantonments Act, 1924. Relevant Extracts of the Cantonments Act are given in enclosed statement.

(b) and (c). Use of no road has been banned for public transport in Bareilly Cantonment by the Cantonment Board. There are, however, two roads in Bareilly Cantonment area over which certain restrictions on movement of traffic have been imposed on the ground of security as these roads pass through Military areas. One of these roads pass through Jat Regimental Centre. This is an internal road on A-A land primarily used by the personnel and vehicles of Jat Regimental centre. A civil suit filed by members of public in this case in sub-judice.

The other road pass through Army Services Corps. Animal Transport Battalion Area. Movement of heavy vehicles in restricted on this road due to frequent movement of heavy vehicles is restricted on this road due to frequent movement for training and exercise of the animals.

On both these roads pedestrian and cyclist traffic is allowed and heavy vehicles are not allowed.

STATEMENT

192. Closing and Opening of Streets:

(1) (Board) shall not permanently close any street or open any new street without the previous sanctions of the (Officer Commanding-in-Chief, the Command or the Director).

(2) (The Executive Officer) may, by public notice, temporarily close any street or any part of a street of repair or for the purpose of carrying out any work connected with drainage, water supply or lighting or any other work which it is by or under this Act required or permitted to carry out :

Provided that where, owing to any works or repairs or from any other cause, the condition of any street or of any water-work, drain, culvert or premises vested in the (Board), is such as to be likely to cause danger to the public, the (Board) shall -

(a) take all reasonable means for the protection of the adjacent buildings and land and provide reasonable means of access thereto;

(b) cause sufficient barriers or fences to be erected for the security of life and property, and cause such

barriers or fences to be sufficiently lighted from sunset to sunrise.

COMMENTS

(1) Street - Order prohibiting heavy vehicles to ply on portion of road - Public notice issued prior to prohibition inviting objections - order issued for security of people for maintenance of peace and property-Held-Municipality had jurisdiction to issue and implement order.

(2) Public Road - It includes road side land.

[English]

Medical College

1358. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether to the proposal of setting up of Medical college at Pariyaram Cannanore, Kerala has been cleared;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time by which the college is likely to commerce functioning;

(d) whether funds proposed to be advanced by HUDCO to Pariyaram Medical College had been withheld; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) and (b). Permission of the Central Government was given on the 17th July, 1995 under the provisions of Section 10 (A) of the Indian Medical Council Act, 1956 to Academy of Medical Sciences, Pariyaram, Kannur for setting up a medical college.

(c) As per report submitted by the Director, Academy of Medical Sciences, Kannur, Medical College had started functioning.

(d) and (e). The Government has no information.

Innovation of New Vaccine

1359. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of the innovation of some new kind of vaccine for treating AIDS, Malaria, epilepsy and several other diseases;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the said vaccines have since been tested;

(d) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(e) the time by which the commercial production of these vaccines are likely to be started to make the same available in the market for sale?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) and (e). Scientists are making efforts to produce newer/ innovative vaccines which are inexpensive and with less adverse reactions for control/ eradication of diseases like Leprosy, Japanese Encephalitis, Malaria, AIDS, Rabies, KFD etc. There is, however, no information about development of any vaccine against epilepsy.

Studies are being carried out both in India and abroad to conduct field trial of the new vaccines as and when developed. Commercial production of the vaccines can start only after the efficacy and safety of the vaccines are established.

[Translation]

Ex-servicemen

1360. PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the schemes in operation for the welfare of ex-servicemen;

(b) whether various State Governments and Public Sector Undertakings are following the reservation policy in various employments for the ex-servicemen;

(c) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to make the soldier welfare boards more effective;

(d) whether Government have any proposal to increase the pension of Ex-servicemen; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) A statement is attached.

(b) Central Public Sector undertakings provide 14.5 percent reservation in Group 'C' and 24.5 percent reservation in Group 'D' posts to ex-Servicemen. Barring the States of Bihar, Kerala, Jammu & Kashmir, Meghalaya and Uttar Pradesh, all other State Governments have made varying percentage of reservation for ex-Servicemen.

(c) The State Governments have been requested to implement the recommendations of the Sub-Committee on Standardisation and revitalisation of the Departments of Sainik Welfare in the States/Union Territories.

(d) and (e). Government have set up the Fifth Central Pay Commission. The terms of reference of the Pay Commission inter-alia include examination of the existing pension structure of Central Government

employees including Armed Forces Personnel and to make recommendations relating thereto which may be desirable and feasible.

STATEMENT

The important welfare schemes for ex-Servicemen are as under :-

- (i) Ex-Servicemen are provided free medical treatment in the Military Hospitals.
- (ii) Ex-Servicemen suffering from serious diseases are given financial assistance equal to 60% of the total expenditure, for treatment in Civil hospitals and have not availed similar assistance from other sources.
- (iii) Ex-Servicemen can avail of Canteen facilities from the nearest CSD canteens.
- (iv) Children of Defence Personnel killed or permanently disabled in action who are studying in institutions under the Department of Education, are granted complete exemption from tuition fee and other fee levied by the institution.
- (v) Reservation of 25 seats in MBBS and one seat in BDS have been made for the wards of Ex-Servicemen killed or disabled in action or during peace time due to attributable causes.
- (vi) Two seats in each of the six IITs are reserved for children of the Defence/para Military Forces personnel killed or permanently disabled in action.
- (vii) Twenty five percent seats are reserved for wards of serving and retired Armed Forces personnel in Sainik Schools.
- (viii) 50% concession is provided in air fare for travel in domestic flight of Indian Airlines to recipients of gallantry awards of Param Vir Chakra, Mahavir Chakra, Ashok Chakra & Kirti Chakra; permanently disabled officers and dependent members of their families; and to the war widows of post Independent era.
- (ix) 75% concession in rail fare for travel in II class is available to war widows.
- (x) 35 War memorial hostels have been constructed to provide accommodation to wards of war bereaved and disabled personnel to enable them to pursue their studies. Kendriya Sainik Board also provides education grant to the children staying in these hostels.